

**secant**

**se'cant**, *si'cant*, *a.* Cutting, especially into two parts; intersecting; dividing; as, a *secant* line. [*< L. secans, cut.*] **se'cant**, *n.* *Math.* 1. A straight line intersecting a curve or figure. 2. One of the trigonometric functions or its representation by a line formed without accompanying painting. See *TEMPERA*. **se'-cede'**, *se-sid'*, *vi.* [SE-] draw from union, fellowship; from a political or religious body. *To secede* from a church.

Thus, in less than three months after Lincoln's election, the Union. E. A.

[< L. *secedo*, < *sec-*]

**se'-cede'r**, *se-sid'e-r* [S.], a member of a *SECESSION*.

**se''cen-tis'mo**, *se'-che-* decadence in Italian literature in the 17th century, but sometimes characterized by bombast, affectation.

—**se''cen-tis'ti**, *n.* *Art.* artists of the 16th century.

**se'-cern'**, *se-sern'*, *vt.* &

also, to distinguish. 2.

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